

MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2013

Present: Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Robert G MacIntyre
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor George Freeman	Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Fred Hall	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor David Kinniburgh	

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Angus Gilmour, Head of Planning and Regulatory Services
Richard Kerr, Principal Planning Officer
Sheila MacFadyen, Senior Solicitor
David Kerr, Animal Health and Welfare Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Robin Currie and Alistair MacDougall both declared a non financial interest in respect of the planning application submitted by West Highland Housing Association and Arcade Building Services Ltd (Ref: 12/01520/PP) as they are both Members of the West Highland Housing Association Board. They both left the room and took no part in the consideration of this application which is dealt with at item 7 of this Minute.

2. MINUTES

- (a) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 20 February 2013 at 11.30 am were approved as a correct record.
- (b) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 20 February 2013 at 2.30 pm were approved as a correct record.
- (c) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 20 February 2013 at 2.50 pm were approved as a correct record.
- (d) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 20 February 2013 at 3.10 pm were approved as a correct record.
- (e) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 20 February 2013 at 3.30 pm were approved as a correct record.
- (f) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 25 February 2013 at 10.30 am were approved as a correct record.
- (g) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 25 February 2013 at 10.50 am were approved as a correct record.

- (h) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 25 February 2013 at 11.10 am were approved as a correct record.
- (i) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 25 February 2013 at 11.30 am were approved as a correct record.
- (j) The Minutes of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 25 February 2013 at 11.50 am were approved as a correct record.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW

A report was placed before the Committee on 23 January 2013 inviting Members to consider the representations received in response to a consultation carried out regarding the review of fares and to decide on what course of action to take. At this Committee it was agreed to propose that there be no change to the current fare structure and charges and to review the position in six months time if representations in respect of this proposal were received. The Head of Governance and Law was authorised to advertise the proposed no change in tariff, invite any responses within one month of the advertisement and report back to the Committee in March 2013 to advise of any representations received.

Decision

Noted the lack of representations received following advertisement of the proposal that the charges will remain the same.

(Reference: Report by Head of Governance and Law, submitted)

4. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE PLAN 2013/14

The Council has a statutory responsibility to deliver an Animal Health and Welfare service, and this is undertaken by competent and authorised Officers within the Council's Regulatory Services. The Scottish Government have implemented a Framework Document which specifies the component parts of an Animal Health and Welfare service, and prescribed minimum best practice and good practice standards upon which local authorities are assessed. A report detailing the Animal Health and Welfare Plan for 2013/2014 to meet the Framework Agreement was before the Committee for consideration.

The Committee also heard a presentation on the Animal Health and Welfare service provided by the Council.

Decision

1. Thanked the Animal Health and Welfare Officer for his full and comprehensive presentation; and
2. Noted the work of the Animal Health and Welfare service and its status against the Framework and approved the Service Plan for 2013/2014.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated February 2013 and Animal Health and Welfare Service Plan

2013/2014, submitted)

5. LAKELAND MARINE FARMS LTD: RELOCATION OF ARDMADDY FISH FARM COMPRISING 12 NO. 100M CIRCUMFERENCE CAGES PLUS INSTALLATION OF FEED BARGE: PORT NA MORACHD, SEIL SOUND (REF: 11/01066/MFF)

The Principal Planning Officer spoke to the terms of the report advising that this proposal seeks permission for the installation of a marine finfish development of 12 No. 100m circumference (32m diameter) cages and a feed/service barge to be utilised for the production of farmed salmon. The application site is located to the eastern side of Seil Sound close inshore to the coast of the Degrish peninsula which also forms the north coast of Loch Melfort. Due to the number and complexity of representations received it is recommended that a hearing be held prior to determination of this application.

Decision

Agreed to hold a pre determination discretionary hearing at the earliest opportunity.

(Reference: Report by Head of Planning and Regulatory Services dated 29 February 2013)

Having previously declared an interest in the following item Councillors Robin Currie and Alistair MacDougall left the meeting.

6. WEST HIGHLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION AND ARCADE BUILDING SERVICES LTD: FORMATION OF ROUNDABOUT TO SERVE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT LAND NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE A85, DUNBEG, OBAN: LAND SOUTH WEST OF PENNYFUIR COTTAGE, DUNBEG (REF: 12/01520/PP)

The Head of Planning and Regulatory Services spoke to the terms of the report advising that this proposal seeks permission for a roundabout on the A85 (T) at Dunbeg. The roundabout is part of a key Development Road Action Area, which is designated in the Local Plan Development Road Action 5/1. Whilst the site lies within this allocation it is also partially located within 'Countryside Around Settlements' where in special cases, development of this nature, which will improve road safety, provide economic benefits by facilitating access to adjoining allocations and potential development areas, with a locational need and exceptional circumstances is justified. Despite the Local Plan position, in view of the number of representations received and the range of issues raised it is recommended that a hearing be held prior to the determination of this application.

Decision

Agreed to hold a pre determination discretionary hearing at the earliest opportunity.

(Reference: Report by Head of Planning and Regulatory Services dated 10 March 2013)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

7. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Consideration was given to a proposal to impose a provisional Tree Preservation Order.

Decision

Agreed to the recommendations detailed in the report.

(Reference: Report by Head of Planning and Regulatory Services dated 1 March 2013, submitted)